



CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION PROGRAM

USAID's Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM) grants support Israelis and Palestinians, and Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel to address issues of common concern. USAID/West Bank and Gaza and the U.S. Department of State jointly manage these grants. CMM activities provide opportunities to cultivate solutions, reconcile differences, and promote greater understanding and mutual trust by working on common goals such as economic development, environment, health, education, sports, music, and information technology. Since the program's start in 2004, USAID/West Bank and Gaza has invested over \$100 million toward 166 CMM activities.

GRANTS MANAGED BY USAID

Tech2Peace (2021-2024; \$850,000): The *A New Reality: Innovating Together* project brings together 740 Palestinian and Israeli youth through high-tech training and joint projects to address the conflict while developing intercultural communication skills and diverse, collaborative and innovative approaches to common challenges.

Palestinian Peace Coalition - PPC (2021-2024; \$1,200,000): The *Policy Engagement and Constructive Exposure (PEACE): Young Palestinian and Israeli Leaders*, or the *PEACE for Youth* project will engage over 1,000 Palestinian and Israeli youth leaders to build public support for a negotiated resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through grassroots education, P2P encounters, and targeted public advocacy, increasing active support for reconciliation. The project engages hundreds of young Palestinians and Israelis from diverse backgrounds, professional spheres and geographically disparate locations on reconciliation, core conflict and peacebuilding issues.

Northern Israel Center for Arts and Technology - NICAT (2021-2025; \$1,349,862): The *Innovate2gether* project cultivates young Arab and Jewish innovators who impact their communities while advancing conflict mitigation approaches to build a shared society. Through the project, 1,180 Arab and Jewish

youth develop conflict resolution and dialogue leadership skills. Participants use 3D art, photography, and film to connect and capture issues concerning today's youth, while gaining vital skills to identify, design and implement community projects in a bicultural and bilingual context for a more hopeful and joint future in the region.

Yozmot Atid (2021-2024; \$1,377,230): The *Female-Led Microbusiness Development to Promote a Culture of Peace* project empowers female-led microbusinesses and subsequent socioeconomic advancement through training and mentorship, to bring together 1,000 Palestinian and Jewish Israeli women from East and West Jerusalem. The project uses this mechanism as a platform for participants to directly address challenges related to the conflict under the guidance of experienced mentors and community leaders.

Elevation Ventures (2021-2024; \$1,050,000): The *Impact* project provides opportunities to create positive linkages and partnerships between Israeli and Palestinian entrepreneurs to establish joint startups. The project promotes entrepreneurship as a vehicle to reduce social distance and create mutually beneficial cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian entrepreneurs. In addition, the project offers Palestinian students and graduates experience in the regional private sector, emphasizing collaborative work in the Israeli tech ecosystem.

Collective Impact Initiative - Co-Impact (2021-2023; \$1,050,000): The *Shared Workplaces, Shared Society* project leverages people-to-people connections and interpersonal processes between 200 participants to increase diversity and create inclusive and equitable workplaces for Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel. The personal and professional relationships formed through this project increase mutual trust and respect among Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel.

Akko Center for Arts and Technology (2018-2022; \$1,322,000): The *Full STEAM Ahead* project builds the skills and knowledge of over 900 Jewish and Arab youth from underserved communities in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math to better compete in a 21st-century job market. By working together in a bicultural and bilingual environment, creating and innovating, students develop an inclusive view of one another and strengthen Jewish-Arab relations in Israel through training and joint projects.

Ein Dor Museum for Archeology (2018-2023; \$1,550,000): The *Youth Against Racism* project develops filmmaking skills of 400 Arab and Jewish youth in Galilee to advance peacebuilding. By telling the stories of racism and violence that affect them daily, youth use film to facilitate dialogue in their communities and enhance change among their peers and families.

Hand in Hand (2018-2023; \$1,800,000): The *Mainstreaming Shared Society* project adds three more integrated schools to Hand in Hand's growing network of Jewish-Arab bilingual schools in Israel benefiting 2,500 students. The project supports local communities to establish and/or expand the constituency of Arab and Jewish families committed to building a viable, growing, and resilient shared society.

Tsofen High Technology Centers (2018-2023; \$1,800,000): The *Tech Bridges* project harnesses common interests among Jewish and Arab individuals to drive changes in perceptions and attitudes that hinder reconciliation and peacebuilding. The project mentors over 6,000 Arab and Jewish Israeli professionals and establishes 18 Israeli startups in predominantly Arab cities. By creating an increasingly integrated hi-tech

industry in Israel, *Tech Bridges* fosters greater mutual understanding between Jewish and Arab citizens, inspiring a more inclusive economy and shared future.

Leo Baeck (2019-2022; \$900,000): The *Building Shared Communities* project partners with eight Jewish and Arab community centers in Israel to foster dialogue and cooperation between both societies and to advance solutions for shared local needs.

Moona – A Space for Change (2019-2022; \$900,000): The *Bridging Professionals to Bridge Communities* provides apprenticeship and on the job training to 192 Arab and Jewish young engineers from Northern and Southern Israel. The mixed heritage teams advance their shared goal of long-term employment through meaningful interaction.

Ort Israel (2019-2022; \$1,200,000): The *Bridges for Peace* project trains Arab and Jewish students of Ort schools in mediation, social, and technological entrepreneurship. These tools help them advance their aspirations and work together to generate multicultural social programs and technological solutions to daily challenges.

Unistream (2019-2022; \$1,200,000): The *Pillars of Shared Society* project brings together around 450 Jewish and Arab Israeli teenagers to develop, establish and manage their own startup companies and business and social ventures while increasing cooperation and mutual understanding.

Middle East Entrepreneurs for Tomorrow (2020-2023; \$1,400,000): The *Northern Innovators* (NI) project provides training for over 180 excelling Israeli Arab and Jewish youth from the Nazareth Area, between the ages of 15-17, to advance technology, entrepreneurship, and leadership. This project also establishes networks of mutual trust, understanding, respect, and teamwork.

PeacePlayers International (2020-2023; \$1,500,000): The *Champions for Peace Initiative* project utilizes basketball to develop trust and cooperation among 2,277 Israeli Arab and Jewish youth. The project translates grassroots support for cooperation into attitudinal, behavioral, and structural transformation necessary for sustainable peace.

Hapoel Katamon Jerusalem Football Club (2020-2022; \$828,263): The *Katamon Striking for Equality in Jerusalem* project utilizes soccer to foster equality between males and females among 1,174 Arab and Jewish residents of Jerusalem. The project debunks myths and stereotypes between Arabs and Jews and empowers girls and women to eliminate differences, political barriers and limiting cultural norms.

Appleseeds Academy (2020-2023; \$1,050,000): The *Rise Together* project brings together 120 Jewish and Arab emerging technology professionals from disadvantaged communities to participate in an intensive multi-month technology and leadership training followed by internships in the technology sector. The project develops a coalition of Hi-Tech partners to advance diversity within the Hi-Tech sector that advances the values of shared living.

Peres Center for Peace and Innovation (2020-2023; \$1,250,000): The *Under the Same Green Roof* project brings together over 1,000 Jewish and Arab school children, teenagers, young innovators, and

community members to learn and cooperate, through the establishment of Green Roofs in Jewish and Arab communities in Israel to be used as platforms for joint environmental learning and cooperation.

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A New Way (2021-2023; \$150,000): The *Collaborate Together - A New Way for Youth Collaboration in a Multicultural Society* project creates a new reconciliation process that focuses on building collaboration abilities among Arab and Jewish youth potential leaders. 280 Jewish and Arab high school students participate in collaboration building workshops; some of the students will receive intensive training to cross-culturally advance social causes.

HISTADRUT Working and Studying Youth (2021-2023; \$150,000): The *Fighting Exploitation Together* project empowers a cadre of 100 Jewish and 100 Arab Israeli youth leaders to work together towards fair and safe working conditions for teens, while learning about and working towards the creation of a shared democratic society.

HaPoel Ahva Haifa (2021-2023; \$125,000): The *Solidarity on the Court and in the Neighborhood – A local Arab-Jewish Sports and Social Club in Haifa* project works intensively with 100 Jewish and Arab children and youth from the underserved neighborhoods of lower Haifa, through competitive sports and enrichment afterschool programming, while creating a supportive network around them by engaging their parents, siblings and peers in joint P2P activities.

Kayan Feminist Organization (2021-2023; \$150,000): The *Uniting to End Gender-Based Violence: A Joint Action with and for Arab and Jewish Women in Israel* project brings together 40 Arab and Jewish social workers, political actors, and feminist leaders in a collaborative effort to end gender-based violence, which women on both sides of the conflict face in daily life, regardless of their ethnicity, and has been exacerbated by the Covid crisis.

Mifrasim (Sails) under TOPAZ (2021-2023; \$130,000): The *Arab and Jewish university students Making Waves* project engages 80 Jewish and Arab university students from 3-4 major universities and colleges throughout Israel through a learning process that integrates extensive dialogue-driven sessions into an sailing outdoors experiential context, aboard Israel's impressive social sailboat.

Peace Drums USA, Inc. (2019-2022; \$150,000): The *Peace Drums* project trains 150 Arab and Jewish youth from five schools and communities in Haifa and Ma'alot-Tarshiha to play steel drums individually and as a group. This project introduces rhythm, harmony, peacemaking, and reconciliation to Jewish, Muslim and Christian youth in Israel through the shared activity of a dynamic steel drum band.

Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) (2019-2022; \$150,000): The *Establishment of a Joint Arab-Jewish Planning Forum* project engages 25 Arab and Jewish forum members to foster Arab-Jewish cooperation to design solutions to increasing development rates and planning needs of both populations in the Lower Galilee region, focusing on open spaces for public use and the environment.

Sha'ar La Adam-Bab Lillinsan (2020-2022; 150,000\$): *Sha'ar LaAdam-Bab L'illnsan Midrasha* is a joint Jewish and Arab youth “Midrasha” project to prepare 30 participants for life after high school. This project includes three main components: volunteering placements with hundreds of beneficiaries in local Jewish and Arab communities; educational lessons and discussions on both cultures; and group activities focusing on the development of personal and professional skills.

Siraj: Advancing Hi-Tech in the Bedouin Community (2020-2022; \$100,000): The *Building a Diverse and Inclusive Hi-Tech Ecosystem: a Cross-Cultural Mentorship and Networking Program for Jewish and Bedouin Students in the Negev* project enrolls 65 Jewish and Bedouin college students, graduates, and professionals in a one-year mentorship and networking program that strives to diversify the hi-tech ecosystem in the Negev and increase economic opportunities for the Bedouin community.

Tech2Peace (2020-2022; \$150,000): The *Tech2Peace 4 Shared-Society* project builds bridges and creates economic opportunities among diverse Arab and Jewish Israeli youth. A total of 30 Jewish and 30 Arab engineering or social sciences students, with an equal number of males and females, will participate in technology training, entrepreneurship and conflict mediation.

The Friendship League of Culture and Sports (2020-2022; \$150,000): The *Coming Together through Catchball: A model for Jewish-Arab cooperation in Israel's periphery* project engages 80 Arab and Jewish girls. As a platform for more meaningful exchanges between them, participants form four mixed Jewish-Arab girl teams to participate in catchball training and games, structured events, and facilitated social meetings.

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